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SUBJECT: EXPANSION OF DUTY REMISSION SCHEME FOR AUTO PARTS

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- 1. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL JANUARY 10 CARRIES ITEM BY KEN ROMAIN TO EFFECT FEDERAL CABINET HAS APPROVED AN AUTO PARTS REMISSION ORDER THAT WILL ALLOW FOREIGN AUTO MAKERS TO DEDUCT VALUE OF PARTS ORDERS THEY PLACE IN CANADA FROM IMPORT DUTY PAID ON THEIR VEHICLES. ARTICLE SAYS CABINET ACTION WAS MADE KNOWN BY AUTOMOTIVE PARTS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (APMA) AND QUOTES PATRICK LAVELLE, PRESIDENT OF APMA, AS SAYING HE EXPECTS VALUE OF CANADIAN PARTS SHIPMENTS TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN U.S. TO INCREASE BY MORE THAN 100 MILLION DOLLARS. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, DUTY REMISSION DRDER WILL BE APPLIED TO PRESENT 15 PERCENT IMPORT DUTY NOW IMPOSED ON ALL VEHICLES IMPORTED INTO CANADA, EXCEPT THOSE WHICH ENTER DUTY FREE UNDER CANADIAN-U.S. AUTO PACT.
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OFFICIAL (CHARLES KELLY) TOLD EMBOFF THAT ARTICLE INACCURATE HE SAID REMISSION SCHEME HAS NOT PROGRESSED BEYOND STAGE REPORTED 77 OTTAWA 10628 AND CONSULTATION WITH U.S. STILL PLANNED. SUBSEQUENT CABINET APPROVAL OF DETAILED PROGRAM WOULD BE REQUIRED BEFORE SCHEME COULD TAKE EFFECT.

3. KELLY ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY HAD YET RECEIVED MORE

EXPLICIT DESCRIPTION OF U.S. CONCERN, REFTEL, OVER PROPOSED REMISSION SCHEME. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT IT WAS IN PREPARATION.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SUBSTANCE OF U.S. CONCERN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT CONSULTATIONS COULD BE ARRANGED AS SOON AS CONVENIENT AFTER JANUARY 20. ENDERS

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